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COUNCIL STARTS CLEAN-UP MOVE

With Officer Reports on Unsanitary Conditions and City Dads Will Abate Nuisances. Objections are heard on Street Improvement.

The session of the council Monday was almost entirely taken up with a discussion of needed sanitary improvements at certain places in the town and with hearing objections as to the manner of improving certain streets.

Councilman Wheeler reported that he and Dr. L. G. Ross had made an inspection of certain premises and found them to be extremely unsanitary and a menace to health. The order was instructed to notify the property owners to abate the nuisance.

The unsanitary condition of the Kesley-Lope-Morgus sewer came for its part of attention, and W. Blakesley who was present, after two weeks lay off from attending council engaged in a one-sided argument with the mayor, the latter having the best of the argument and at the end of the session, the council was given Blakesley to start work Tuesday morning on re-arrangement of the sewer and he was finally positive that he would do nothing in the matter stating that the council had started out on the wrong track and they could finish it.

Kiddy Coasters Must Go.
The matter of the coasters or "go-karts" as the mayor termed them, the danger that the children ran the promiscuous coasting over the streets and sidewalks, was discussed by the marshal was notified to condemn the cars. The practice was dangerous one the councilmen and mayor thought, and should be stopped both on account of the safety of the children and pedestrians.

Councilman Dixon stated that he received complaints as to the dumping of garbage and trash on the street in the Central Confectionery on Willamette street. A sign will be placed at that point informing the garbage dumpers that such practice is forbidden. This brought the matter of obtaining a suitable place for dumping garbage and refuse to the street committee will endeavor to secure such.

Barnett and Wellington Object.
A. F. Barnett objected to the manner in which the street improvement was being made on Nob Hill was being made and J. H. Wellington said that he was not in favor of the improvement on Nob Hill. The mayor and Mr. Wellington entertained the spectators for half an hour or more and they had a very wordy duel. The matter ended in Wellington's favor, a motion was made and carried to the sidewalk follow the road the east side of the street or lake and that Wellington be permitted to tear down the old sidewalk that is now being used.

Clay Clark of Houlton appeared before the council and asked that he be allowed to dedicate to the city a strip of land 27 feet wide and 700 feet long on the east side of the railroad track and running south from the Milton creek bridge. He wished to have a crossing made over the railroad track so that it would not be necessary to go to the depot in order to get onto the highway. The council took the matter under advisement.

Other matters, mostly pertaining to street work and sewer work came up for discussion, and it was suggested that pedestrians be kept off the paved road to the depot and they use the sidewalk. The council agreed that it would be almost impossible to enforce such an order.

Councilman Larabee enquired as to the speed limit for automobiles, and was informed it was 20 miles an hour. He asked that steps be taken to enforce the ordinance and the marshal was instructed to keep a lookout for speed fiends and see that the ordinance was enforced.

There were a number of spectators at the meeting and the entire program was heartily enjoyed. Clyde Sutherland was there for his first time and remained for the entire session and the council was pleased to see Judge W. J. Fullerton in his accustomed place after an absence of several weeks.

LIBERTY THEATRE MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

Manager East of the Liberty theatre, has secured the big 14 x 16 screen that was formerly in the Sunset theatre in Portland, and is having it installed in the theatre. This new screen is considered one of the very best that is manufactured for showing moving pictures and the original cost for the curtain was \$3.00 per square foot or in the neighborhood of \$672. These screens, however, were manufactured in France and are not now obtainable except on special order and the cost is almost prohibitive. The body or white portion of the screen is made of fine beaded glass and the effect is to make the pictures appear larger and clearer and it makes no difference from what part of the theatre the picture is viewed, the features of the actors or the details of the scene in clear, distinct lines. Manager East has promised next Tuesday's performance of "Back to God's Country," and plans a real opening night on that date.

Mrs. Harold Beaver and son Maudie are in Portland for a few days.

FRITZ ANLIKER HOLDS LAND CLEARING BEE

By T. J. FLIPPIN, JR.
(County Agent)

An old land clearing method was tried out in a new way on the farm of Mr. Fritz Anliker near Goble last Thursday. For a long time the people of the Beaver Homes district have discussed the advisability of adopting the old land clearing bee, so familiar to the older middle western people, to the needs of our Columbia county farms. Mr. F. C. Holbrook was the chief proponent of the idea. He was familiar with many farms in Wisconsin cleared in this way, and put the scheme before the residents of Beaver Homes in such a forcible way that they decided to try it, provided a sufficient number would cooperate.

The bee last Thursday was held by Mr. Anliker as an experiment to determine what could be done. It was a complete success and a great credit to the cooperative spirit of the Beaver Homes people. Early in the morning about fifteen men and two good teams were in the field, and in spite of continued snow and sleet, cleared land all day. The stumps had previously been cracked with powder, and the logs sawed into lengths that could be handled. Fires were kindled in the bottoms of the larger blast holes, so the stumps and logs were rolled in on the fires with comparative ease. Stumps came out at a great rate under the hands of men skilled in setting blocks and lines and in handling horses. Work that would have been back breaking for one or two men was done with ease and speed by four or five. The rain and snow held up the work to some extent, by slowing up the fires, but it went smoothly, nevertheless.

Coffee and doughnuts were served at 10 o'clock and a big chicken dinner at noon. All hands pronounced Mrs. Anliker's dinner worth the day's labor. Work was stopped at 1:30 with an acre and a quarter of silt and clean new land.

Being a first venture much was learned that will make future land clearing bees run with greater smoothness and efficiency. Everyone present went away convinced that the "bee" is the thing where a sufficient number of neighbors are willing to cooperate.

E. I. BALLAGH GETS PARTY APPOINTMENT

Evidently Sherman Miles could not see his way clear, at this time, to align himself with the republican party and accept the position recently offered him by Banker A. L. Mills of Portland, as republican financial manager for Columbia county. While Mr. Miles has been non-committal on the subject, the Mist learns that Representative Edison I. Ballagh has received a letter appointing him to the position.

The duties of the office will be to raise Columbia county's quota for the republican national campaign fund. The county's quota amounts to \$135 and this amount will be apportioned among the voting precincts of the county, probably basing the amount on the poll of each precinct. Mr. Ballagh has received a liberal supply of pledge cards and will visit the good republicans of the county in the near future and in the mean time he states that if any of the party members are anxious to get in on the ground floor without solicitation, he will be pleased to have them call on him. The pledge may be paid in two installments, one due on April 10 and the other on August 10.

FURNITURE FACTORY BEGINS OPERATION

George M. McBride, manager of the Columbia City Furniture Manufacturing Company informs the Mist that the factory is now running and turning out furniture. Already there are numerous samples of furniture on the floor and buyers are placing orders.

While the factory has produced several different articles of furniture, their main efforts have been centered on dining room furniture, extension tables and chairs. Later on, as the needed material is assembled a full line of furniture will be manufactured.

Mr. McBride states that his working force at the present time, consists of only 10 men, but during the coming week, or the week to follow, he will increase his force to 25 or 30. The company have several large orders booked, and representatives of Portland and Seattle wholesale furniture dealers have been at the factory with the object of placing orders.

COLUMBIA COUNTY MEN ATTEND STOCK SALE

Columbia county was probably the best represented single county at the recent annual Northwestern Short-horn Breeders sale held at the North Pacific Livestock Exposition buildings in North Portland. Fifteen of the cattle sold were consigned by the Tarbell Brothers of Yankton and Warren and J. Erickson of Rainier. Mr. Rupert Dibble of Rainier was an interested spectator and buyer. He secured a very fine young bull to go with the herd he is building up on his farm below Rainier. The cattle consigned represented very fine blood lines and the sale averaged a good price, considering the number of buyers and the early season at which it was held.

Mrs. Charles L. Wheeler was hostess at a very delightful luncheon on Saturday. Covers were laid for eight.

MRS. IVA RUSSELL APPOINTED P. M.

Receives Word From Washington That She is Successful Applicant. Expects to Receive Official Confirmation Soon.

Mrs. Iva E. Russell, present postmaster, has been re-appointed postmaster at St. Helens according to a dispatch she received from a post-office official in Washington Saturday evening. A Portland paper carried a dispatch from Washington also announcing this fact. At this date, Mrs. Russell has not received official confirmation, but it seems sure that she is the successful applicant for the office.

Mrs. Russell has been postmaster for some years, having served out the unexpired term of M. C. Gray and also one full term and there were two years remaining on the present term.

Former Report Erroneous
In our issue of Feb. 12th, it was stated that Harley Turner would be the postmaster. The Mist based this assertion on the written statement of an Oregon congressman and he based his statement on a report from the post-office department. The exact wording of the letter is "The Department stated that Mr. Harlan J. Turner had been certified by the Civil Service Commission for appointment as the highest eligible." On this statement, the Mist drew the conclusion that Mr. Turner would receive the appointment.

The Mist tries to present the news accurately, but in this instance we will admit that we were premature in the "news" but maintain that the statement of the congressman as received from the Post Office Department, was sufficient to draw the inference we did.

MAY ORGANIZE NAVAL COMPANY

It is possible that in the near future, a naval militia company may be organized in St. Helens and a drill armory erected.

The navy department, at the present, is reorganizing the state reserves, but as the Mist understands, the organization will be under the direct control of the U. S. Navy. The state will be organized into districts and it is planned to have the St. Helens district include all territory from Skamokawa, Washington, on both sides of the Columbia river up to and including this point.

J. H. Wellington, Mayor Magnus Saxon and the executive committee of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce have the matter in hand and Wellington will have a conference with Lieut. Commander Beckwith at Portland to ascertain just what steps are necessary in order to have St. Helens designated as the headquarters of the district.

Should the plans go through, proper armory accommodations, and drill apparatus would be provided, and it is possible that a naval vessel would be stationed at St. Helens a part of the time in order to give the sailors further training.

The plans as yet, have taken no definite shape though the Mist hopes to give further and authentic news on the matter in the near future.

P. M. RELIEVED OF WAR TIME DUTIES

At the close of business Wednesday, March 31st, the St. Helens post-office was relieved of a portion of the extra work that was apportioned among the smaller offices of the country during war times. For two years and nine months the local office has been the central accounting station for Columbia county, two main duties of which office incurred the handling of all postage, war savings, thrift and internal revenue stamps and the checking over of quarterly stamp accounts for all the postoffices in the county. The duties of the accounting office necessitated a great amount of extra work and no allowance was made for extra clerk hire to assist.

Beginning April first Portland will be designated as the central accounting office for the state of Oregon, and will handle this branch of the postal work for approximately 800 postoffices.

THOUGHT I. W. W.'S WERE AFTER HIM

Michael Walsh, aged about 40 years, was before Judge White Saturday to be examined as to his sanity. The man was picked up in the Scappoose neighborhood on account of his queer actions and brought to St. Helens.

Walsh didn't know anything about his relatives, or if he did, gave the officials no information on this subject. What seemed to worry him most was the hallucination that the I. W. W. were after him. He stated to Judge White that sometime ago he joined the I. W. W. and after finding out that they were "agitators and always stirring up trouble" he quit them. Ever since the time of his quitting, he has been annoyed by the members of the I. W. W., he said. When out by himself, he could hear them calling out "drown him, kill him" etc.

The doctors advised sending Walsh to the state hospital so the judge made out the commitment papers and Walsh is safe, for the time being at least, from the taunts of those who wished to do him harm.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS SESSION

Three Cases Tried Before Jury and Several Default Cases Heard. Next Session of Court Tuesday, May 11th.

After having been in session since Monday, the Circuit Court will end its session tonight. Three jury cases were heard. Martin Madden sued the Columbia & Nehalem Valley Ry. Co. for \$3000 for personal injuries. The jury gave him a verdict for \$1500. Veazie & Veazie appeared for the defendant and McDougal & McDougal for the plaintiff.

Joe Vincent sued Girt, et al. for removing cedar timber from the land of the plaintiff. The jury awarded Vincent damages in the sum of \$528.50. Vincent was represented by Harris & Gore and Wright & Bourne looked after the interest of the defendant.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Jim Tekiff resulted in a verdict of not guilty. The defendant was charged with manufacturing intoxicating liquors, and was arrested in Rainier early in January. Tekiff is held on another charge having been indicted for possessing intoxicating liquors. He is held in jail pending trial which will occur at the May term of court. Judge Cleaton represented the defendant.

Judge Eakin heard several default cases and it is understood that a divorce case was on the docket for today. The holding of this special term cleans up the docket, to some extent and the work at the May term will be facilitated by the holding of the special term.

EASTER SERVICES AT LOCAL CHURCHES

Methodist Episcopal

The local Methodist church is planning to observe Easter in an appropriate and fitting way. Special programs are being planned for both morning and evening.

In the morning service the opportunity will be given for the baptism of both children and adults, and an invitation will be given to unite with the church.

In the evening the Sunday School and the church choir will unite in rendering the beautiful program, "New Life." The program will consist of special numbers by the choir, while the members of the Sunday School will present the thought of new life through the risen Lord, in Nature and for the Nations.

The subject for the morning sermon will be "The Risen Christ." The evening hour will be filled by a program furnished by the Sunday School and the choir.

Plymouth Congregational

Sunrise Prayer Meeting—The first event of the day will be a Sunrise Prayer Meeting at 6:30 A. M. The service will only be forty-five minutes long and will still leave all who attend plenty of time to attend to the regular morning duties before the church hour.

The Sunday School hour will be shortened to half an hour instead of the regular hour. This is necessary because of the arrangements that have been made for the regular morning service following.

The regular services will start at 10:30 instead of 11:00. This is a service that no one should miss. The first number on the program for the morning is a pageant, given by the girls of the Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Scott, entitled, "Mother Earth's Gift to Nature." 1. Maturing of the Seeds. 2. Mother Earth's Visit. 3. Winter. 4. The Breezes. 5. Sunshine. 6. Showers. 7. Spring. 8. Awakening of the Flowers. 9. The Cross.

The entire evening hour will be devoted to music. A splendid program has been prepared by the choir. Everybody is invited to attend.

Catholic Church

Holy Week will be observed as follows: Wednesday evening, sermon on the Passion of Christ, 7:30; Holy Thursday morning, Mass at 8:00 a. m., during which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and remain on the altar all day. In the evening the feast of the Institution of the Eucharist will be concluded with benediction and a sermon on "The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Secret of the Wonderful Strength and Continuity of the Catholic Church." The King James version of the Bible will be used for proofs. On Good Friday morning at 8 o'clock Mass of the Presanctified and veneration of the Crucifix. On Friday night at 7:30, Way of the Cross, sermon on "The Sufferings of Our Lord."

Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, reading of the Prophecies and Blessing of new fire and Easter water.

Confessions at 3:00 and 7:30 p. m. Mass on Easter Sunday will be at 8 a. m. Large numbers will receive Holy Communion.

Non-Catholics are very welcome to all these services.

Free Methodist

Rev. Higbee, of the Free Methodist church announces that he will hold the regular services Sunday with an Easter sermon and special Easter music. The public is invited to attend all services.

ST. HELENS CLEANEST TOWN IN THE STATE

(By Clean Up Committee.)

St. Helens is going to be the cleanest town in the State of Oregon if the plans of the Clean-Up Campaign committee, selected by the Chamber of Commerce, are carried into effect.

The campaign is merely a week of cleaning up, starting on Monday, April 12th, and ending on Saturday of that week. The aid of teachers, preachers, clubs, Chamber of Commerce, fraternal organizations, parent-teacher organizations, home-owners and home-lovers is being enlisted and every basement, garret, woodshed and backlot and front lot will be polished, scoured and put in a condition that will cause favorable comment from the most fastidious.

This year tens of thousands of tourists are coming to Oregon and many are bound to come to St. Helens. But whether we care to please the tourist or not, your own "nose knows" and you certainly want your neighbor's premises in good order, and of course you are a neighbor to some one yourself.

Last year fifty wagons of old tin cans, bottles, rags and rubbish were hauled away, and the surface was just scratched. This year some deep digging should be done.

If you could see and appreciate the hard work being carried on right now by the Clean-Up committee, you would certainly catch the enthusiasm and scarce be able to resist the temptation to "clean up the town."

The committee have formulated a few little suggestions to make the campaign effective, and here are some of the most important ones:

Clean up last 5 days, April 12th-April 16th. Trucks call for your rubbish Saturday afternoon.

Put all the old rags, bottles, and rubbish in boxes, barrels or cans on the street curbing or at some point for the wagon to get them.

Keep the magazines and papers separate from the other rubbish; these are to be given to the Red Cross.

This is your opportunity to have your rubbish hauled away without cost to you.

Start on Monday morning, April 12th, and keep at it until on Saturday afternoon, after teams have been called at your very front door, there is nothing left but the dirt in your boy's ears. If those in charge of your district do not see you, you see them, and tell them where they can get your cans.

The city has been divided into districts, each in charge of two or more captains, as follows:

Business area and water front: J. H. Thatcher and Sherman M. Miles. From St. Helens street north to Nigger creek, including Casanau and Columbia streets, both sides: C. C. Cassatt and Clyde D. Sutherland.

St. Helens street north to Godfrey Park and west to foot of DeSpain hill: J. H. Wellington and A. M. Holt.

North of Nigger creek (Columbia Park): E. I. Ballagh and Dr. S. B. Hoskin.

Railroad Addition: Prof. Hopkins and Robt. Dixon.

Foot of DeSpain hill and west to South street and south to the Portland road: Louis Rosasco, Rev. J. P. Clancey.

Houlton: J. R. Gilby, Ed. Ketel, Dr. J. H. Flynn, Walter Blakesley.

Nob Hill: L. R. Rutherford and Harold J. Broughton.

Bungalow Park: Dale Perry and H. A. Childs.

Mrs. Storia, president of the Woman's club stated that she would have one woman in each block look after that particular block, working in harmony with the captain for the district.

Talks will be given in the schools calling attention to the necessity of this campaign.

Mr. G. A. Gore, who is chairman of this committee, directs especial attention to the fact that on next Monday night, April 5th, a meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 of all the captains and the heads of clubs and organizations, when instructions will be given each of the captains. No further invitation will be considered necessary.

DEPUTY GAME WARDEN WARNS FISHERMAN

Fishing season opened yesterday, April 1st, and as the state has recently stocked all the streams with trout, it would be well for every fisherman to take out his license and have it with him while fishing. It would probably be the means of saving himself a fine as Deputy Game Warden Brown announces that he will put on several deputies to help look after Columbia county. It also asks that fishermen be careful not to take fish under six inches as the penalty this year will be heavy. Licenses may be obtained in any town in Columbia county so it is not necessary to write in to the county clerk for one, and this makes it absolutely unnecessary for any fisherman to be without his license while whipping the trout streams.

CRANE UNDAMAGED

The S. P. & S. wrecker succeeded in freeing the steam crane of the St. Helens Dock & Terminal Company from its muddy bed in "Frogmore" Friday afternoon and placed it on the track. It was taken to a Portland machine shop for repairs and was little damaged, according to Charles Wheeler, manager of the Dock & Terminal Company.

At their meeting Tuesday night Avon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, bestowed the 25-year jewels on J. C. Watts, the Scappoose merchant and put on some work in the Knight rank.

HOOVER CANDIDACY CAUSES COMMENT

Interviews with Prominent Republicans and Democrats Show Hoover Not a Favorite Here. Uncertainty of Party Affiliation Commented on.

Hoover's expected announcement that he would be a candidate for the presidency has aroused a little political gossip in St. Helens if the interviews obtained by the Mist is an indication.

Dr. C. E. Wade: "Hoover is not my choice. I believe Leonard Wood will be our next president."

J. H. Thatcher: "Hoover's candidacy places the Republican party in rather an embarrassing position."

Judge Eakin: "When a man enters politics, he should know which political party he is affiliated with. That is all I care to say."

Representative Ballagh: "I believe in the republican party and republican principles and Hoover's belated announcement in which he designates the republican party as his choice, arouses no enthusiasm with me."

Sherman Miles: "It is well to take a stand at some time, but Hoover reminds me of the boy who waited to see which side of the fence the ice cream was going to be on and then jumped over to that side of the fence."

Judge Harris: "I think a man should have backbone enough to state what party he belongs to. I am not a Hoover man."

George A. Gore: "I haven't given much thought to Hoover or his candidacy."

T. C. Watts: "No Hoover for me."

C. C. Cassatt: "I expected Hoover to announce himself. I think he will be a strong candidate and do not approve of the vast amounts of money being spent by some of the other candidates."

T. J. Flippin: "I do not think that Hoover's announcement will cause any great excitement among the republicans. Personally, I am not a Hoover man."

C. W. Blakesley: "I am disappointed to learn that Hoover is a republican. I thought he belonged to the democrats and think he rightfully belongs to them."

Mrs. Thos. Isbister: "I do not know which I favor the most, Wood or Hoover; both are good men and I am glad Hoover is a republican."

J. W. Allen: "What we need at the head of this government is a business man and I believe Hoover is one. I favor him against all the other candidates who have announced themselves."

H. S. Mason: "Hoover's candidacy does not arouse my republican enthusiasm."

John L. Storia: "I believe Hoover is the logical candidate for the republican party, though I am non-committal as to whether I shall support him if the republicans nominate him."

Judge White: "I am not in favor of Hoover and trust he will not receive the nomination of the republican party. I could say more, but think it unnecessary."

Dr. J. H. Flynn: "Hoover's candidacy, in my opinion, only messes up matters in the republican party. I do not think he will get the nomination and I am glad he has affiliated with the republicans instead of the democrats."

All of these interviews were taken with parties as we met them on the street and the Mist believes it is indicative of the feeling in St. Helens.

PIONEER PASSES

Mrs. Nancy A. Ashby who died at the home of her daughter in Los Angeles last week was born in Illinois in 1853 and came to Oregon in 1862, settling in Marion county. In 1872 she was united in marriage to W. J. Ashby, who passed on in Sept. 1916.

Deceased is survived by six daughters, Mrs. J. N. Burgess of Pendleton, Mrs. M. E. Miller of Los Angeles, Mrs. C. T. Pounce of Banks, Mrs. H. L. Jensen of Banks, Mrs. J. W. West of Nehalem and Mrs. J. W. Hunt of St. Helens, and one son, J. T. Ashby of Grass Valley, Oregon.

The interment was at Weston, Oregon, Friday last and the funeral services were attended by many old time friends of the deceased.

DRIVE CONTINUES

The drive being conducted to raise funds for the Armenian cause continues. Chairman John L. Storia has extended the time until April 5th, on account of some of the chairmen in different parts of the county not having received their supplies.

The work in St. Helens is under the direction of John L. Foote and he has a corps of willing workers who have put in much time and accomplished much in behalf of the cause.

The Flynn & Cornthwaite Auto company report the sale of a big 12-passenger bus to Scappoose parties which it is understood will be put on the Scappoose-Portland run in the near future. They also have sold Chalmers to George Klenas and Jack Garrison, both of St. Helens.

The steamer Multnomah is at the St. Helens Shipyard for repairs. The vessel was in a collision with a steamer last week at San Pedro and coming north, lost its rudder during a storm off the Tillamook coast. The bar tug Oneonta was summoned in over the Columbia River bar much to the relief of the 40 passengers and the tired crew.